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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

AT&T and their trade association, US Telecom, have recently petitioned the FCC to take away access to critical unbundled network elements of the 1996 Telecommunications Act, which were meant to enable competition in the marketplace and encourage new network deployment.

If this petition were to go forward AT&T will benefit financially but this restraint on competition will do a disservice to my carrier Sonic.net, which will lose access to a huge portion of its customer base, leading to potentially higher rates, less fiber deployment, and even less options for consumers like myself. I value Sonics services and the personal attention they pay to individuals like myself. Without Sonic.net I would have no one to rely upon but AT&T take it or leave it. I would rather do business with a smart, hungry responsive and responsible company like Sonic.net.

I want more competition not less.

Sincerely,

John Gillespie